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Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : அந்த உத்தியோகஸ்தர் குற்றவாளி என்று கோர்ட்டார் அவர்கள் நிரூபித்திருக்கிறபடியால் அவருக்கு பப்ளிக் பிராசிகூட்டர் அமைத்துக் கொடுத்ததற்கான செலவை அந்த உத்தியோகஸ்தரிடமிருந்து வசூல் செய்வார்களா ?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : அவர் செய்தது குற்றம் இல்லை என்று கோர்ட்டார் தீர்ப்புக்கூறி அவரை விடுதலை செய்துவிட்டார்கள். அதனால் கனம் அங்கத்தினர் கேட்ட கேள்வி எழவில்லை.

Sri S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : Where Government officials have to be defended in criminal cases, the practice has been to give them legal aid only in the trial courts. But in this case I find the Police Sub-Inspector was given legal aid even after conviction when he preferred an appeal. May I know why such aid was given to him, especially after he was found guilty by a competent authority (a Magistrate) of our own State?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : I don't think the Hon. Member is correct. In cases where the Government, after scrutiny, come to the tentative conclusion that the conviction is wrong and that therefore an appeal has got to be preferred, we do give legal aid. This was one of the cases where the Government felt that the conviction was wrong. That was why legal aid was given and the Appellate Court acquitted the officer.

Registration of Handlooms

* 384 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to question No. 68 on 13th August 1956—

(*a*) whether the Government have registered all the handlooms in the State; and

(*b*) if not, when the registration will be completed?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) The attention of the Member is invited to the answer to clause (*a*) of question No. 369 put by him on 19th December 1956.

Minor Irrigation Maistries

* 385 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any proposal to change the designation of the Minor Irrigation Maistries from "Minor Irrigation Maistries" into "Minor Irrigation Inspectors or Gumastas" just as in the case of Road Maistries; and

(*b*) if so, the decision taken on that proposal?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.